

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Idaho has a teacher shortage, and the problem is growing, particularly for small and rural schools. This bill would allow school districts and public charter schools to create local teaching certificates, which will broaden the pool of applicants and empower local schools to select the candidate that best meets their unique needs. Eligible teachers must meet certain educational or professional requirements, and the school must agree to provide mentoring and professional development. A teacher with a local certificate would be limited to teaching within that district or public charter school and would remain on the residency rung of the career ladder, unless they choose to pursue additional training and certification.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no additional cost to the general fund because work required to develop a new certificate would be borne by each district or charter school and paid for with existing funds. Additionally, the state board of education already receives funding to issue teaching certificates.

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